(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The execution of the project has been entrusted to the North-Eastern Electric Power Corporation which is a regional agency.

Alternative sources of energy

3375 SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which depend only on hydel power;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up thermal/nuclear power plants as alternative sources of energy for these States;

(c) if so, what steps are contemplated to be taken in the near future; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The major States which at present depend mainly on hydro power are Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala and Meghalaya.

(b) to (d) There are proposals to set up (i) a Gas Turbine plant (3 X 25 MW) in Jammu & Kashmir, and (ii) a Thermal Power Station (420 MW) in Kerala.

Closing down unit by WMI (Cranes) Limited, Bombay

3376. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the WMI (Cranes) Limited, Bombay, which is associated with Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, Neyveli for its expansion projects, has since closed down its unit and thus is unable to execute the given contracts;

(b) whether the NLC has already given huge advance money for the given job;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what further action is being contemplated to be taken in the matter to ensure, inter alia, recovery of NLC's money and to cancel the orders?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir. One out of several manufacturing units handling the fabrication of parts for spreaders to be supplied by WMI (Cranes) Ltd. for Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.s' Second Mine Expansion project is reported to be experiencing a strike by workers. This has not affected the progress of execution of the contract as WMI has assured that arrangements have been made with other units for handling this work.

(b) and (c) Two advance payments of Rs. 20,108,302/- each have been made to WMI Cranes Ltd. on 17th July, 1986 and 27th December, 1986.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of streptomycin, Vitamin B1 etc.

3377. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Streptomycin, Vitamin B1, Erythromycin, Vitamin B6, Tetracycline, Vitamin B2 and certain other drugs from basic stages would suffer as system of pooled price and retention price would be dispensed with;

(b) whether it is a fact that these drugs are produced in the country and are under price control;

(c) if so, what are the names of the producers along with the production of each drug of each producer during the last three years; and